IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS McALLEN DIVISION

JORGE GAMBOA,	§		
Individually and on Behalf of All	§		
Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of	§		
ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA, Deceased	§		
Plaintiff,	§	CIVIL ACTION NO.	17-CV-26
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VS.	§		
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WALGREEN NATIONAL	§		
CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS	§		

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CAUSE NO. C-5668-16-G

ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA		IN THE DISTRICT COURT
vs.	Plaintiff,	370 TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
WALGREEN NATIONA	L CORP.	
D/B/A WALGREENS	Defendants.	HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty (20) days after you were served with this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION on or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of twenty (20) days after the date of service hereof, before the Honorable Noe Gonzalez, 370th District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas at the Courthouse at 100 North Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539.

Said petition was filed on this the 22nd day of December, 2016 and a copy of same accompanies this citation. The file number and style of said suit being C-5668-16-G, ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA VS. WALGREEN NATIONAL CORP. D/B/A WALGREENS

Said Petition was filed in said court by ELIZABETH JANICEK, 115 E TRAVIS ST STE 2000 SAN ANTONIO TX 78205-1609.

The nature of the demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of the petition accompanying this citation and made a part hereof.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES JORGE GAMBOA, Individually and on Behalf of All Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA, Deceased, Plaintiff in the above-styled and numbered cause (hereinafter called "Plaintiff"), complaining of Defendant WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS (hereinafter called "Defendant"), and for cause of action, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I. DISCOVERY PLAN

Pursuant to Rule 190.1 of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery in this case pursuant to a Level 3 Discovery Control Plan.

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II. PARTIES

Plaintiff, JORGE GAMBOA, is the son of Elias Gamboa Meza and is a resident of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Defendant, WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS is a Foreign For-Profit Corporation and can be served by and through its registered agent Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC Lawyers Incorporating Service at 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701-3218.

III. JURISDICTION

The Court has jurisdiction in this case based on appropriate subject matter (medical malpractice) and based upon sufficient amount in controversy.

IV. NOTICE

Plaintiff would show that, in accordance with Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code §74.051 and §74.052, the Defendants herein has been placed on notice of Plaintiff's claims.

V. VENUE

All or a substantial part of the events made the basis of this lawsuit occurred in Hidalgo County, Texas. Thus, pursuant to the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 15.002(a)(1), venue is proper in Hidalgo County, Texas.

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VI. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff would show that at all times relevant hereto Defendant WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS is a health care provider which held, and does hold themselves out to the general public, including the Plaintiff herein, as a health care facility which is competent and qualified to provide health care services, with all the necessary care and precaution expected of health care facilities. Defendant WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS operates multiple pharmacies in the state of Texas, including the Walgreens Pharmacy located at 7301 N. 10th St., McAllen, Texas 78504.

ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA was an elderly person and was owed the duty of reasonable care, taking into consideration her known mental and physical condition.

Mr. Gamboa

On or about On August 17, 2015, an employee of Defendant WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS working at the Defendant's pharmacy located at 7301 N. 10th St., McAllen, Texas 78504 called Mr. Gamboa Meza to pick up a prescription. Mr. Gamboa Meza went to that location, picked up the medication and was given the instructions by Defendant WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION' d/b/a WALGREENS s employee(s) to take one tablet by mouth twice daily. The medication given to Mr. Gamboa Meza Defendant WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS's employee(s) was

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glyburide/metformin prescribed for the treatment of the diabetes of another patient.

Mr. Gamboa Meza did not have diabetes.

On September 1, 2015, two weeks after he began taking the glyburide/metformin, Mr. Gamboa Meza suffered a hypoglycemic reaction while driving, which caused Mr. Gamboa to have an accident. Mr. Gamboa died of injuries sustained in the accident on September 2, 2015.

Plaintiff would show that as a direct and proximate result of the acts and/or omissions committed during Defendant WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS's substandard, inadequate and negligent medical care and treatment, ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA suffered injury and death.

VII. NEGLIGENCE

Plaintiff believes and alleges that Defendant, WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS, committed certain acts and/or omissions in the medical care and treatment of ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA which constituted negligence, and that such negligent acts and/or omissions include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Failing to properly, adequately and/or timely dispense medications to ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA;
- 2. Failing to provide appropriate quality control measures to prevent ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA from receiving a medication he was not prescribed;
- 3. Failing to verify that ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA's name was on a prescription patient before dispensing said prescription; and

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4. Failing to provide **ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA** the necessary care and services to promote and protect his health.

Plaintiff would show that each and all of the above and foregoing acts and/or omission on the part of the Defendant herein constitute negligence, and each and all were a direct and proximate cause of the injuries and damages sustained by the Plaintiff herein.

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Further, Defendant were negligent in management, budgeting, and in hiring practices, retention practices, staffing practices, orientation and training practices, and in supervision of employees, employing incompetent staff without regard to the safety of ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA as well as in ministerial failures.

VIII. GROSS NEGIGENCE

Under Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 41.001 et al. and § 71.009, the Defendant WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS committed gross negligence. The Defendant committed an act or omission, which when viewed objectively from the Defendant's standpoint, involved an extreme degree of risk considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm, and which the Defendant had actual, subjective awareness of the risk, but still proceeded with a conscious indifference to the safety of Mr. Gamboa Meza.

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Defendant failed to verify that the medication dispensed to Mr. Gamboa Meza was in fact prescribed to him. This failure to act involved an extreme degree of risk because of the probability of harm to Mr. Gamboa Meza should he ingest this medication.

IX. DAMAGES

Plaintiff would show, as a direct and proximate result of the negligent acts and/or omissions of the Defendant herein, that IGNACIO JORGE GAMBOA, Individually and on Behalf of All Wrongful Death Beneficiaries has suffered the following damages for which Plaintiff sues:

- a. pecuniary loss sustained in the past;
- b. pecuniary loss that will, in reasonable probability, be sustained in the future;
- c. loss of companionship and society sustained in the past;
- d. loss of companionship and society that will, in reasonable probability, be sustained in the future;
- e. mental anguish sustained in the past;
- f. mental anguish that will, in reasonable probability be sustained in the future; and
- g. loss of inheritance.

As a direct result of the occasion in question, the estate of ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA, deceased, is entitled to money damages for the medical and funeral expenses, conscious pain, suffering, and mental anguish that ELIAS GAMBOA MEZA sustained

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as a result of the incident. Additionally, the estate is entitled to punitive damages due to the gross negligence.

X. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, PREMISE CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays the Defendant be duly cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon final trial of this cause, Plaintiff have and recover a judgment of and from the Defendant herein, in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this court, for both pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law, plus costs of court, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law or in equity, to which the Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS, Defendant herein, and files this its Original Answer, and would show the Court as follows:

I. GENERAL DENIAL

Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, the allegations set out in Plaintiffs' Original Petition and demands strict proof thereof as required by law.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant, WALGREEN NATIONAL CORPORATION d/b/a WALGREENS prays that Plaintiffs' lawsuit be dismissed with prejudice with court costs taxed to Plaintiffs and for such other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which Defendant may justly be entitled to receive.

(Signature on next page)

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Defendant's Original Answer has been forwarded to:

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on this land day of January, 2017.

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